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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG

SUBJECT: HIGH OIL PRICES

REF: STATE 158010

1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL APPOINTMENT WAS REQUESTED BY CHARGE WITH PETROLEUM MINISTER MABROUK AS APPROPRIATE LEVEL FOR DESIRED EXCHANGE. REQUEST HAS BEEN FOLLOWED UP BUT STILL WITHOUT RESULTS, WHICH IS COMMON EXPERIENCE FOR DIPLOMATS HERE IN SUCH SITUATIONS. (PERHAPS MABROUK THINKS OUR INTENTION IS TO FOLLOW UP ON PROTEST ABOUT AMOSEAS EXPROPRIATION--STATE 120303.)

2. WE HAVE GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO SUBJECT OF DEMARCHE ON HIGH OIL PRICES AND ARRIVE AT JUDGEMENT THAT LACK OF REACTION ON MABROUK'S PART COULD BE BLESSING IN DISGUISE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT EACH OF US AWARE OF OTHER'S POSITION ON PRICES THAT EACH OF US AWARE OF OTHER'S POSITION ON PRICES AND PRODUCTION. DEMARCHE WHICH WOULD DO AMERICAN INTERESTS IN LIBYA NO GOOD. IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO SAY THAT LARG SEES ITSELF IN VIRTUAL STATE OF DECLARED WAR WITH U.S. ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS, AND APPEAL TO REASON ON OIL PRICES AT THIS TIME COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO BE
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SUCCESSFUL.

3. WE ALSO HAVE IN MIND, OF COURSE, THAT PREVIOUS DEMARCHE ON OIL WE TRANSMITTED TO LARG, EXPLAINING THAT U.S. SOUGHT COOPERATION NOT CONFRONTATION AT WASHINGTON OIL CONFERENCE, WAS USED AS PRETEXT FOR NATIONALIZATION OF AMOSEAS.

4. IF MABROUK APPOINTMENT EVENTUALLY IS FIXED, PROPOSE TO TRY TO HAVE TALK WITH HIM IN SPIRIT OF DIALOGUE FOCUSSED ON ALL ASPECTS OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER RELATIONS.
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